

T2395 4/1 (P) 2223/89

(1)

A TRUE

A C C O U N T

O F T H E

P R O C E E D I N G S

O N T H E

Crown—Side

A T T H I S

L E N T A S S I Z E,

as
Crim. Tr. O
242

Held for the County of *Surrey* in the *Burrough* of *Southmark*, before Sir *Job Charleton*, Knight, one of the Judges of *Assize*, and other his Majesty's Justices, &c.

Beginning on *Thursday* the 13th of *March*, 1683. and ending on *Saturday* the 15th of the said Month. With the Number that received Sentence of Death, were Burnt in the Hand, &c.

ON *Thursday* the 13th. of *March*, 1683. the Honourable, Sir *Thomas Jones*, Lord Chief Justice of his Majesty's Court of *Common Pleas*, and Sir *Job Charleton*, Knight, the two Judges of *Assize* appointed for the Home-Circuit of this *Lent-Assize*, having ended at *East Grinstead* in *Sussex*, came from thence, met by the High Sheriff of *Surrey*, as customarily, but it being late in the Afternoon before they got to *Southmark*, they that day, for *Surrey* only, met, heard a Sermon, and read the Commission, &c.

On *Friday*, the 14th. day, the Grand Inquest, and other Juries being called over, and sworn, the Court proceeded to try the Prisoners as followeth.

Rice Evans, of *Kennington* in the Parish of *Lambeth*, Indicted for Killing his Wife, the said *Evans* keeping several Cows, and his Wife trading as a Milk-Woman; but hapning to lye in Child-bed, he in a Week, or two, or before she was in a condition to rise, forced her to go out and sell the Milk: also, upon her selling a Calf cheaper than he thought it worth, or some other very little Provocation, he so kick'd and abus'd her, that by reason of his said ill Usage, she in a few days died. The Midwife who laid her particularly deposing, that the Blows he had given her, and unseemly forcing her to work, was the cause of her Death; he was therefore found Guilty.

Elizabeth Tymon, of *Croydon*, in the County of *Surrey*, Indicted for the Murder of her Daughter-in-law; whom, living in the House with her, and being a meek Woman, one of no Spirit to defend her self, the said old Mother-in-law used with great Unkindness, and some Weeks since, hapned in her Rage to strike her said Daughter-in-law with a Slick-stone or Smoothing-Iron upon the Head and Face, of which Blows she languish'd, and died: She was also Indicted for Man-slaughter, upon the Coroner's Inquisition taken on the Body: many Witnesses were produced, the Fact seeming to be strong against the Prisoner. But the Jury acquitted her of the Murder, and found her guilty of Man-slaughter, upon the said Indictment, and also they found the like upon the Inquisition taken by the Coroner.

Mar.

Margaret Corbet of *Wandsworth* in the County of *Surrey*, Indicted for Murdering her Infant Bastard-Child, was found guilty of the said Murder.

William Davis, Indicted for stealing Eight Pounds in Money on the 20th. of June last, from *John Walcroft* of the Parish of *Lambeth*, to whom he was a Servant; and being intrusted with the Keys of the House, at a time when his Master and Mistress were absent from it, he took that Opportunity to steal the said Money, and the next day run away from his Service, (when yet they had not missed the Money;) of which Felony he was found Guilty.

Margaret Floyd, Indicted for stealing Four Pounds in Moneys numbred, from *William Gray* of *Newington Butts*, on the 20th. of September last. The Proof against her was, that being apprehended, she confess'd before the Justice of Peace, that she had forty Shillings of the said Money; but at her Tryal she denied it again: however, was found Guilty of the said Felony.

John Broman Indicted for stealing a Mare or Gelding from *Daniel White*, Esq; living about *Guildford*, on the 20th. of January last, valued at Nine Pounds, pleaded Guilty.

But being Indicted also for stealing a Gelding on the Third of the same Month of January, from *Edward Browning*, Esq; price 5 l. he pleaded Not Guilty; and putting himself upon his Tryal, it was proved against him, that he sold the said Horse; which with some other concurrent Evidence, satisfied the Jury, that they found him guilty of that also.

Charles Browning Indicted for Robbing *William Jennings* of one Shilling and eleven Pence in Money; the said *Jennings* swore very positively *Browning* put his hand in his Pocket, and by Violence took the said Money from him; but it appearing that *Jennings* and *Browning* having been Mess-mates in a Ship with a third Person also of their Ships-Company, went in to drink, and that it was the great Familiarity between them made *Browning* take so much Liberty, pretending he had no Money, and that it should be drunk out betwixt them; he was therefore acquitted.

Edward Matthews, a Painter, living at *Epsom*, was Indicted for speaking Seditious and Dangerous Words against his Sacred Majesty; viz. Saying the King would not live six Months, but would either dye a natural Death, be Kill'd, or Poison'd; and, that if the Duke should Reign (meaning the Illustrious Prince *James Duke of York*) he would be one of the first that should take up Arms against him. Which Words, with several other Aggravations, were so fully proved by *Ursula Morehouse*, and *Katharine Drury*, as that it had amounted to High-Treason, but that not discovered and prosecuted within six Months, the Words being spoken at the House of the said Mrs. *Morehouse* in *Epsom*, about two Years since, and by her accidentally told to a very Loyal Citizen of *London*; who acquainting her that it was dangerous to conceal them, or that if she would, however, he held himself in Duty obliged to make Discovery of what she had told him; *Matthews* thereupon came to be Prosecuted, and is, however, found Guilty of Trespass and Misdemeanour, for speaking the said Seditious and Dangerous Words.

Ralph Baldwin and *Katharine Binks*, were Indicted for breaking into the Dwelling-House of *William Allen*, in the Parish of *St. Olives Southwark*, on the 30th. of January last, at night, and stealing from thence one silver Tankard, one silver Caudle Cup, one silver Beaker, six Pounds in Money, and some other Things; but upon the Tryal it appeared, that *Baldwin* was Prisoner in *Bridewel* at the time of the Robbery, and that *Katharine Binks* brought the said Plate and Money to him thither, where it was seized; she only, therefore, was found Guilty, and *Baldwin* acquitted.

Edward Gibbs Indicted for stealing 56 Pound Weight of Cheese from *William Ledge* of *Newington Butts*, on the 24th of December last, (which Cheese he valued at eight Shillings,) he was found Guilty.

John

John Whitmore Indicted for stealing a Gelding from one *Kingbut* of *Bramley* in *Kent*: but it appearing the said *Whitmore* was his Servant, or that he intrusted him to dress and look to his Horses, he riding the said Gelding out to water very late one *Saturday* Night, rid away towards *London*, and within two Hours was seized upon Suspicion, by the Watch at *St. George's Church*. The said *Whitmore* pleaded, That he had no Intent to steal his Masters Horse, but had occasion to ride to *London* and see an Uncle, resolving to return the next day. Seeing also, the Possession of the Horses was given him, and he intrusted with them, it was not adjudged to be Felony, but he was acquitted.

Elizabeth Ford, alias *Jackson*, Indicted for stealing Goods to the Value of 5 *l.* was thereof found Guilty.

Robert Bansfield Indicted for a Felony and Burglary, but was acquitted.

John Normood, and *William Machen*, Indicted for Robbery on the High-way, committed on the 28th of *September* last, about Eight at Night, upon *Michael Wells*, a Servant to one *Rogers* of *Croydon*, and taking from him a Tobacco-Box, a Campaign Coat, and Six-pence in Money. Also for another, committed upon *Ann Streete*, taking from her a Scarf, a Fore-head Cloath, and fifty Shillings in Money. Likewise *John Normood* was Indicted for attempting to Ravish the said *Ann Streete* at the same time when he rob'd her: which two Persons swore positively against *Normood*; that he was one of three who robbed, and in such manner used them. But *Normood* himself, being a House-keeper in *Croydon*, and by Trade an Oat-meal Man, brought many of those Towns-men to prove his good Reputation; twenty or thirty of them gave an Evidence for him, some that they see him come riding home about Seven that Night, and that he went to Bed soon after; another, that he having been at *London*, and returning about that time into the Country when they pretended to be Robbed, he saw three Foot-Padders with long Stuffs, and that one of them was like *Normood*, though not the same; and consequently, that in the Dark the said *Ann Streete* might mistake one Man for another. Her own Brother gave Evidence against her, That she is a very Contentious Woman, and that she had, a day or two before, denied to have any Money, he having intreated her to lend him Ten Shillings: And to the Ravishment, that she being an old Woman, it seemed very unlikely *Normood* should desire to ravish her, he himself being a likely Young-man. This Tryal held two or three Hours, and at length *Normood* was found Guilty of the said Robbery, and *Machen* was acquitted.

Joseph Henshe Indicted for breaking into the Dwelling-House of *Edward Waker* in the Night-time, about the 26th of *February*, and taking from thence a Box, Price 1 *d.* and 6 *s.* in Money, he was found Guilty.

John Martin Indicted for Stealing two Cocks, Value 2 *s.* and four Hens, Value 4 *s.* from one *Thomas Webster*, on the 17th of *January* last.

Likewise the said *John Martin* was a second time Indicted for a Burglary, committed on the 20th. of *January* about Seven at Night, in the House of one *Thomas Goffe*: some of the Money was found in his Pocket; however the Jury found him guilty but to the Value of 9 *d.* as to the first Indictment, and acquitted him of the latter.

James Smart of *Farneham*, Glover, *Thomas Currel*, *William Hartly*, and *Henry Collins*, Indicted, for that they, together with one *William Gibson*, not taken, killed and murdered *John Lemeing* of *Farneham*. The first Witness against them was one *Buckle*, who living in the same Parish, did, on the 29th. of *October* last, late at Night (hearing his Dog bark violently) go out of his House, and saw three Grey-Hounds, with a Spaniel Dog, which had taken and were tearing in pieces, one of his Sheep; and that going a little further, he saw three Men with long Staffs, whom he blaming for suffering their Dogs to kill his Sheep, they swore *God damn them* they would kill him also, striking him; at which he crying out Murder, the deceased *Lemeing* rose out of his Bed, and asking what was the matter, *Buck'e* answered,

answered, the Hunters (or Sheep-stealers) were abroad, had kill'd one of his Sheep, and would kill him also; *Lemeing* said he would come and help him, and did come immediately; that *Collins* cryed, Knock them down, and *Smart* did accordingly knock *Lemeing* down, giving him one mortal Bruise upon his Head, of which Wound he the next day died: many other Circumstances were related, which left it hard upon *Collins* and *Smart*. However, the Jury acquitted them of the Murder, found *Smart* and *Collins* guilty of Man-slaughter, and clear'd the other two.

John Martin, alias *Harvey*, Indicted for stealing from *Thomas Harvey* of *Debtford*, three Dowlas Shirts, one Camblet Coat, and ten Shillings in Money. He being Servant in the House, to *Thomas Harvey*, taking an Opportunity, pick'd the Lock of a Chest, and stole the said things. He was found guilty of Felony, but not of breaking the Chest.

William Davis, *William Dorrington*, and *Joseph Boyse*, Indicted for breaking the House of *Joseph Daniel*, at *Battle-bridge* in *Southwark*, on the 25th of *August* last, at Eight at Night, and stealing from thence two Dowlas Smocks, one Dowlas Shirt, one piece of new Cloath, one Pinner, one silk Handkerchief, two Pewter Dishes, half a Yard of Lace, and other things; the said *Daniel* being from home, and his Wife keeping an Apple-Stall some distance from her House, had lock'd it up, and whilst she was absent, the said Robbery was committed. But the principal Witness who gave Information against them when first apprehended, being now gone to Sea, and none produced that could positively swear them to be the Men who committed the Burglary and Robbery, they were all acquitted.

George Slate, or *Slater*, a Carman, Indicted, for that he, in the Parish of *St. Olives Southwark*, on the 26th of *May* last, did feloniously, wilfully, and of his Malice afore thought, &c. driving a certain Cart loaden with Cheese, drawn by a Black Horse, price 50 s. beat down one *Elizabeth Padbury* in the Street, and drew the hinder Wheel of the said Cart over the Foot of her the said *Elizabeth*, giving her one mortal Bruise upon the Heel, of which she languished; and languishing untill the 4th day of *June* following, died of the said mortal Bruise. But the Prisoner alledging he did not see the Young Woman, that by her own Rashness she got her Hurt, and that it was not possible for him to have done otherwise than he did; and none being produced that he did it wilfully, he was acquitted.

The said Prisoners being Tryed, Judgment was given, as followeth.

Eight received Sentence of Death, viz.

Margaret Corbet, *Rice Evans*, *Elizabeth Tymon*, *Elizabeth Ford* alias *Jackson*, *Margaret Floyd*, *John Broman*, *Katharine Binks*, and *John Norwood*.

Seven were Burnt in the Hand, viz.

William Davis, *Edward Gibbs*, *Katharine*----- *James Smart*, *Henry Collins*, *Joseph Hensley*, and *John Martin* alias *Harvey*,

John Martin to be Whipt.

After Judgment, two of the Women condemned to dye, pleaded their Bellies, and that they were quick with Child, viz. *Eliz. Ford* alias *Jackson*, and *Margaret Floyd*; a Jury of Women were then summoned, who being sworn, and having taken the said two Prisoners apart to examine the matter, gave in a verdict, That *Margaret Floyd* was with quick Child, but that *Eliz. Ford* was not.

L O N D O N,

Printed By *George Croom*, at the *Blew-Ball* in *Thames-street*, over against *Baynard's Castle*, 1684.

489139